

CONTROLLER AND REMOVABLE USER INTERFACE (RUI) FOR MEDIA EVENT AND ADDITIONAL MEDIA CONTENT

Abstract

An apparatus for controlling a media event and optionally presenting additional media content includes a removable user interface (RUI) having graphical indicia for guiding a user in selectively actuating a user input, and a controller capable of communicating commands to a media device responsively to the actuation of a user input. A determination of the location of a selector actuating a user input is made to interpret the selection of the user and to control a media event accordingly. The command sent by the controller depends on the selection of the user and Device Independent Instructions with regard to a selecting a media event, and depends on Device Dependent instructions with regard to controlling a particular media device of the host system to present the media event. Additional media content is optionally presented through a component of the controller.